

## REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 28 November 2002  
Name of applicant/court: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.  
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Columbia Tristar Home Entertainment  
Title of Publication: The Sweetest Thing  
Other Known Title(s): Not Stated  
Director(s): Roger Kumble  
Producer(s): Cathy Konrad  
Publisher: Not Applicable  
Author(s): Not Applicable  
Format: Video Recording VHS/PAL  
Country of Origin: USA  
Language(s): English

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### Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	The Sweetest Thing	Running time:	86.33
Trailers:	Video Piracy Notice	Running time:	1.04
	Copyright Warning Notice		0.17
	Columbia Tristar Home Entertainment Notice		0.21
	Columbia Notice		0.20
		Total Running time:	88.35

Excision/Alteration: No Excisions Recommended.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years.

Display Conditions:

Nil.

Descriptive Note:

Contains offensive language and sexual themes.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: 25 November 2002

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**SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:**

The video recording entitled *The Sweetest Thing* is classified as:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years.

This publication is a video version of the 35mm film of the same title classified by the Office of Film and Literature Classification as objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years, with the descriptive note 'Contains offensive language and sexual themes.' This decision was registered on 5th June 2002.

The video recording also contains various notices, and just over three minutes of additional material in the feature. This material features the three main characters discussing how they flatter men by commenting favourably on the size of their penises. This develops into a song and dance with the refrain "you're too big to fit in here" with gestures indicating the crotch, buttocks and mouth. The scene is unrealistic and ludicrous. The entire staff and all of the patrons at the restaurant where they are join in the song and dance. It is similar in manner and degree to other scenes from the feature in that it has the same crass humour. Therefore the additional components do not contain anything that would result in the video recording receiving a different classification to that given to the 35mm film.

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